



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK
FEBRUARY 21-28, 2009

WHEREAS, many of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the visionary efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the content areas critical to success in communities and workplaces; and

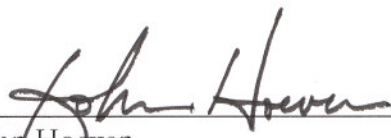
WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to North Dakota's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations throughout North Dakota are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities by offering programs, activities and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship and working to expand their knowledge, skills and attitudes to become successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of our communities and state; and

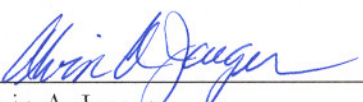
WHEREAS, Entrepreneurship Week provides North Dakotans with an opportunity to focus on innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for successful entrepreneurs and workers in future workplaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 21-28, 2009, **ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State